

Sensible approach

Cultural wars are fought over the proper boundaries of polite society, and the battles often involve television. Television might still be king, but uneasy lies its crown. The Internet complicates the fight. And that's why parents should welcome a measured idea for limiting child exposure to violent and profane video games. Instead of attempting to influence video game content, a constitutional nonstarter, their bill would require video game retailers to check IDs. Clerks who don't check IDs could subject their businesses to civil penalties. People old enough to drink can buy alcohol without IDs. Many parents ignore the industry ratings system labels on the front of nearly every modern video game. One hopes the video game industry will drop its knee-jerk reaction to the Terry-Matheson proposal. This rare gem of good news for parents arrived at the same time as Rockstar Games reported a record \$500 million in first-week sales of Grand Theft Auto IV. Criminal, indeed.

□ **Video-game ID requirement tackles issue with balance, judgment.**

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